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THE WEATHER

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OUT OF THEIR HANDS.

The seawall measure, which passed the Common Council on Monday night, is now out of the hands of the enraptured quintette, where it has been since the day of inspiration that provided that the council should furnish not only the charter-commission but all things appertaining to it, including its terms, conditions, limitations, and the votes necessary to thrust it in the very teeth of the people whether they want it, or not. Now they have voted it out of their province and it is with the electorate at last.

For ourselves, knowing the humor of the people on this score, we are glad it is in the hands that have the direction and control of it; since it is too good a thing to be mis-handled; and those who will now dispose of it know best what to do with it for their advantage at their own time.

One of the conspicuous blunders made in the management of the bill and the great interests it involves, was in not confining the vote upon it to the owners of the land, the men who have to bear the burden of its cost, and by not barring every non-taxpaying voter in the city; but, be that as it may, there is nothing in the way NOW to hinder the people from setting the scheme aside, until they shall have ascertained those things that were due them at the hands of the charter committee in the first instance; the full engineering prospectus of the enterprise; its exact, feasible and most serviceable route and area; the rational range of cost both as to the wall or bulkhead and the fills behind it; the essential raise in the street grades, the establishment of the sewage system to meet it, and the cost attaching thereto; beside other contingent and costly things inseparable from the undertaking. All of which must be provided and known with reasonable certainty, before the people of Astoria may be honestly asked to take over the enormous financial responsibilities wrapt in the proposition.

No superficial information on these subjects will warrant the assumption of so extraordinary a debt and the people know it better than they are supposed to, as will be found later. In the meantime it would be well if a general mass-meeting can be called to openly and freely discuss the many merits of the bill at hand, as well as its demerits, which are not few; a gathering of the property owners of Astoria, every man self-commissioned to utter his best and most interested opinion of the plan, in the "open market place," without let or hindrance from men or groups of men, pre-disposed in either direction, for, or against, it; but simply as citizens nearest and next the scheme.

This mass-meeting should never adjourn until it has put a counter-bill in the field that will provide the detailed information not yet ascertained in this huge premise. This is the only honest way in which to cover the real field of interest raised in this issue; we have had enough of star-chamber work and can afford to indulge the right of the free citizen to arrange for the spending of his own good money on terms that will suit him better, perhaps, than the charter-committee has so "determinedly" outlined.

There is something wrong in the affairs of a city where the recorded voice of 105 of its tax-paying citizens cannot even get a hearing; and this again accentuates the tendency of the over-zealous to blunder; and it is not unreasonable that these 105 people will desire to file protest with the friendly body of their own fellows in general mass-meeting, along with others, many others, in the same frame of mind. We have never heard

of a serious objection to the seawall, as an adjunct to the civic equipment of Astoria; indeed, it seems to be bred in the Astoria bone to look forward to the ultimate consummation of this fine project; but it must be done with all the clever, and accepted, safeguards that modern business rules and reasons demand; and to this end, the open meeting of the business-men and property owners will the more quickly and comprehensively conduct than any other sort of action that can be taken. There is plenty of time, people, and wit, to meet the exigency, and it is up to the whole people in whose hands the matter now lays, to see to it.

It must be remembered of all men, here, that the unrestricted vote of the people is amenable on this proposition that the man without a shred of tax-bearing property has as much to say in the premise as the heaviest taxpayer in the city; and that there are hundreds, on hundreds, who will vote for it on the sole basis that the general scheme provides a wide range of daily labor and employment, no matter who foots the bills, nor whether the project is safely and scientifically cast; that the loafer, the vicious idler and the disinterested and innocuous voter will be to the front with his unearned and unwarranted power to force a half-baked proposition on the community; all of which being remembered, should move the man next to the purpose to get in and work quickly and sensibly for the relief, a counter-bill and a counter-campaign shall afford

The democratic appeal to farmers for \$100 bills can best be symbolized by a frosted pumpkin unaccompanied by a shock of fodder.

If the aeronauts hold a national convention this year it is probable that one of the Wright brothers will be selected to head the ticket.

Gov. Hughes is a very prudent and accurate marksman. In refuting the arguments of Bryan he sacrificed nothing but birdshot.

The calm manner with which Gov. Hughes permits fretful machine politicians to dig their own graves is an interesting political study.

Gov. Hughes expresses the idea that Bryan would cease to be great in politics the moment he ceased to be repudiated. Mr. Bryan may accordingly count on continued greatness, such as it is.

Mr. Bryan says his wealth amounts to \$150,000. A few months ago he stated that his annual income was about \$75,000. A 50 per cent dividend speaks well for Republican good times.

Good For Biliousness.

"I took two of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets last night, and I feel 50 per cent better than I have for weeks, says J. J. Firestone, of Allegan, Mich. "They are certainly a fine article for biliousness." For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists

MEETS THE PENALTY.

KINGSTON, Mo., Sept. 21.—Albert Filley, the triple murderer, was hanged here this morning. Filley killed his wife, his brother and his baby at their farm home a year ago. Filley's brother Henry and Henry's wife lived with him, and he assaulted them when they discovered he had fatally wounded his wife and child with a club or ax. Mrs. Henry Filley escaped to a neighbor's, and when the murderer was discovered at the scene of the slaughter he declared that Henry had killed the other members of the family and that he had killed Henry in self defense. Insanity was ineffectively pleaded at his trial. The governor granted one reprieve, but refused to commute the sentence.

The Unprincipled Man Always Haunted by Shadows.

By Rev. Dr. MADISON C. PETERS of New York.

ILL gotten gains can never make the possessor happy. On the contrary, they bring misery in their train. The unprincipled man is ALWAYS HAUNTED BY SHADOWS which, like Banquo's ghost, will not down. His conscience troubles. There is a constant gnawing at the heart which never allows surcease from suspicion and apprehension of the future.

Not alone is his mental equilibrium unbalanced, but his physical being is indicative of the strain in the sunken eye, the pale cheek, the nervous tremor, the uncertain step. A FEAR IS EVER UPON HIM which he cannot shake off, and, though he may be a Croesus, he cannot purchase that contentment of mind and poise of body which confer their happiness on the poor man who has led an upright life, true to principle, and who, like Longfellow's blacksmith, CAN LOOK THE WHOLE WORLD IN THE FACE AND FEAR NOT ANY MAN.

The unprincipled man sails in a ship like the fabled one of old which when it approached the magnetic mountain had all the nails and bolts drawn out and went to pieces in the depths of the sea.

BUT THE MAN OF PRINCIPLE, SELF SUSTAINED, IS INVULNERABLE, CAN SURMOUNT EVERY DIFFICULTY, WITHSTAND EVERY SIEGE AND TRIUMPH IN HIS OWN VINDICATION.

HOW TAFT WAS SOUGHT BY M'KINLEY.

The Manner in Which the Republican Candidate Was Called to a Larger Sphere of Action.

One afternoon early in 1900, when Judge William H. Taft was dictating a decision of the United States Court in the Federal Building in Cincinnati, a telegram was placed in his hands. He tore off the envelope and was surprised to find a telegram from President William McKinley, reading:

"I shall take it as a great favor if you will call on me some time next week."

Judge Taft guessed at the meaning of the summons and guessed wrong. He went to Washington and was shown into a room at the White House, where he met the President and Secretary Long of the Navy. Later, Elihu Root, the Secretary of War, came in. Then, to use Mr. Taft's own words:

"Mr. McKinley said that he wanted to send me to the Philippines to help in the work of establishing civil government as the army moved on. I thought of my place on the bench and hesitated. Besides, I believed and said we could get along without the Philippines.

"But we have them and must take care of them," the President replied. "You are at the turning of the ways in your life," Mr. Root then observed. "The bench is the easy road. You can stay there and be comfortable. On the contrary, the Philippines will demand personal sacrifices and risks and much hard work, but you will have an opportunity of doing your country a very great service. I went home, and argued the matter for two weeks."

The telegram to Cincinnati opened the door of American history to William H. Taft and made him the Republican candidate for President of the United States.

Obligations of Civil War.

Money indebtedness is not the only obligation we incurred and assumed in the great civil war. There was a still greater debt, an everlasting obligation that could never be paid in full. But in the years that have followed the Republican party has inaugurated and developed pension laws under which over three and one-half billion dollars have been paid to disabled veterans or to the survivors of those who gave their lives for their country and their flag. This pension system, a product of the policy of the Republican party, has no precedent in history and no equal in justice and generosity among the nations of the earth.—Hon. James S. Sherman.

Colonel Bryan laments the "discrimination that has been going on against the farmer" in electing so few tillers of the soil to Congress and the Senate. What troubles him chiefly, however, is the discrimination which the whole American nation exercises against a certain farmer of Lincoln, Neb., in declining to elect him to the White House.—New York Tribune.

TAFT COMES FROM GOOD STOCK.

Family Ranked Among the Plain People for Many Years.

The Tafts—those who at present are the Tafts—hall ancestrally from Uxbridge, Mass. They say that Tafts are so thick in Uxbridge that even a woman can't throw a stone without hitting one.

Some years ago—in 1874, to be exact—there was a Taft reunion in Uxbridge, to which descendants of the original Robert Taft came flocking from all parts of the country. One of the conspicuous features of the affair was a historical address by Alphonso Taft, father of the present Republican candidate. He traced the history of various branches of the family, and when he came to the one to which he and his children belonged he said:

"Our family have not embarked much upon national politics, except that they have shared in the battles of the country when national independence was to be won, and also when the Union was at stake. But brilliant political careers have not been characteristic of the Tafts in the past. It is not safe to say what may be in store for them. There is a tide in the affairs of men and also of families."

This is taken from the account of

the reunion published at the time. Alphonso Taft would perhaps have been somewhat dazzled if he could have foreseen how quickly and brilliantly the family would proceed to "embark upon national politics." He himself started the turn of the tide which he predicted. It seems to be reaching its flood in the career of the son who that year was entering Yale.

As Alphonso Taft described his immediate ancestors one sees where his son got certain characteristics. Peter Taft (1715) was "a large, good-looking man of magnanimous disposition." He had four sons.

Aaron, the candidate's ancestor, was also so magnanimous that he lost money by indorsing a friend's notes; he was a man "of great intelligence and integrity." And then, going somewhat further back, there was Captain William Taft, who took Blarney Castle in the sixteenth century "by blarney quite as much as by military prowess." Good stock was Captain William from which to make a twentieth century Secretary of War William.

A Grand Record.

The Republican party is not only rich in men, but rich in practical and beneficial principles—it is rich too in its record, in promises performed and pledges fulfilled, and so we are for party and party principles first and will acquiesce in the choice of the majority, rallying around the standard bearer who will carry us again to victory.—Hon. James S. Sherman.

Mr. Bryan might make a hit in the Rocky Mountain States by proposing a federal guaranty of mining stock deposits.—Omaha Bee.

The Wise One.

Thin Boarder—I don't see how you manage to fare so well at this boarding house. I have industriously courted the landlady and all her daughters, but I'm half starved. Fat Boarder—I courted the cook.—Kansas City Independent.

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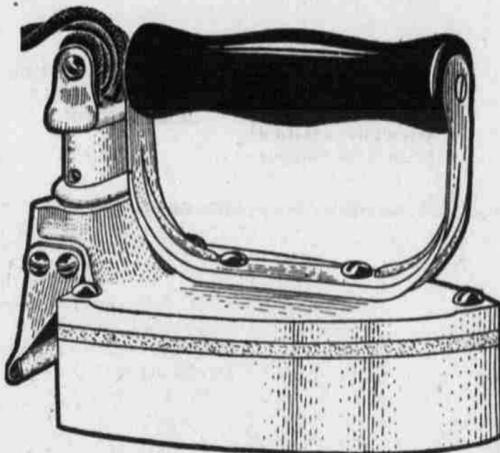
A Traveling Man's Experience.

"I must tell you my experience on an east bound O. R. & N. R. R. train from Pendleton to Le Grande, Ore.," writes Sam A. Garber, a well known traveling man. "I was in the smoking department with some other traveling men, when one of them went out into the coach and came back and said, 'There is a woman sick unto death in the car.' I at once got up and went out, found her very ill with cramp colic, her hands and arms were

drawn up so you could not straighten them, and with a death-like look on her face. Two or three ladies were working with her and giving her whiskey. I went to my suitcase and got my bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy (I never travel without it), ran to the water-tank, put a double dose of the medicine in the glass, poured some water into it and stirred it with a pencil; then I had quite a time to get the ladies to let me give it to her, but I succeeded. I could at once see the effect and I worked with her, rubbing her hands, and in 20 minutes I gave her another dose. By this time we were almost into Le Grande, where I was to leave the train. I gave the bottle to the husband to be used in case another dose should be needed, but by the time the train ran into Le Grande she was all right, and I received the thanks of every passenger in the car." For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

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